

2018 Germantown Board of Education Legislative Agenda

Local Control of Schools

The Germantown Board of Education believes local boards of education are the best equipped and informed to make decisions to address the needs and challenges of their local schools. We oppose any efforts to diminish or impede upon this local control.

Eliminate Unfunded Mandates

The Germantown Board of Education opposes any new legislation, rules or regulations requiring the implementation of unfunded mandates and urges the General Assembly to create a vetting committee that reviews proposed legislation impacting instructional time or impacting the District fiscal capacity. (Resolution: 5/2017-2018)

Fund all BEP Recommendations and Priorities

The Germantown Board of Education urges Governor Haslam, the General Assembly and the Tennessee Department of Education to fund all of the recommendations and priorities of prior reports of the BEP Review Committee, specifically the funding for Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within the LEAs and lowering the BEP nurse-pupil ratio to one nurse for every 750 students. (Resolutions: 6/2017-2018 and 7/2017-2018)

Limit Testing in Tennessee Schools

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly, Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Board of Education to limit K-12 testing.

Repeal of Letter Grading of Tennessee Schools

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly to repeal Public Charter 680, which is the legislation requiring that each LEA be assigned a letter grade. (Resolution: 4/2017-2018)

Opportunity Scholarships/Vouchers/School Choice

The Germantown Board of Education opposes any new legislation that would divert education dollars from public education and any expansion of the special education voucher program. (Resolution passed 4.05.2017)

Appointed Director of Schools

The Germantown Board of Education opposes legislation permitting the election of Directors of Schools.

District Data Verification

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that provides school districts at least fifteen (15) days to verify and correct assessment and accountability information prior to the Tennessee Department of Education's public release of said data.



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